

Science and the Committee on Government Reform due to my pending appointment to the Committee on Financial Services.

Sincerely,

REP. CHRIS BELL.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 505), and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 505

*Resolved*, That the following Members be and are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE: Mr. HALL (to rank after Mr. TAUZIN), and Mr. SULLIVAN.

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Mr. BLUNT to rank after Mr. MCHUGH.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE: Mr. HALL to rank after Mr. BOEHLERT.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 504) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 504

*Resolved*, That the following named Member be and is hereby elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES: Mr. Bell.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), my friend, the distinguished majority leader, for the purpose of informing us of the schedule.

Mr. DELAY. I thank the distinguished minority whip for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, the House will convene on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. for morning

hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of the rules, and a final list of those bills will be sent to the Members' offices by the end of the week. Any votes called on these measures will be rolled until 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, the House will convene at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m. a joint meeting of Congress will convene to receive Spanish President Jose Maria Aznar. Following President Aznar's speech, we plan to consider H.R. 3030, the Improving the Community Services Block Grant Act.

Finally, to accommodate scheduling demands next week, similar to those that we have this week, the House will not have votes next Thursday or Friday.

I thank the gentleman for yielding and would be happy to answer any questions he may have.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman; and I understand that the accommodation we are making this week and next week is so that we can hopefully, both of our respective parties, can determine where we are going to go and, as the President suggested at the White House, perhaps come together and try to take such action as we can agree upon be positive for our country. So I appreciate that accommodation for us as for the gentleman's group as well.

My colleague talked about we are going to do the community service block grant reauthorization next week. Will amendments and/or a substitute be allowed to the community service block grant bill?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield, I would reserve answering that question. I believe there is going to be an announcement by the Committee on Rules following this colloquy, and I think the gentleman will be very pleased with that announcement; but I would reserve that the Committee on Rules ought to make that decision and announcement.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the leader, and I will wait with great expectation to be pleased by the announcement of the Committee on Rules, which will not be totally without precedent but not usual. I thank the gentleman for his observation.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### ADJOURNMENT FROM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2004 TO FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2004

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House ad-

journs today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Friday, January 30, 2004.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2004 TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2004

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, January 30, 2004, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3 for morning hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 3030, IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT ACT OF 2003

(Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet next week to grant a rule for the consideration of H.R. 3030, Improving the Community Services Block Grant Act of 2003, which may require that amendments be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to their consideration on the floor.

The Committee on Education and the Workforce ordered the bill reported on October 1, 2003, and filed its report with the House on October 10, 2003. Members should draft their amendments to the bill as reported by the Committee on Education and the Workforce. Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format. Members are also advised to check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

As the gentleman was on the floor when the majority leader and I had our weekly colloquy, and he said I was going to be very pleased, I was pleased to hear the information, of course, as to how one perfects an amendment that needs to be made in order, but I did not hear anything about whether or not the Committee on Rules is going to grant, as I asked the leader, the ability of the minority to offer any substitute and/or offer substantive amendments.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Reclaiming my time, Mr.